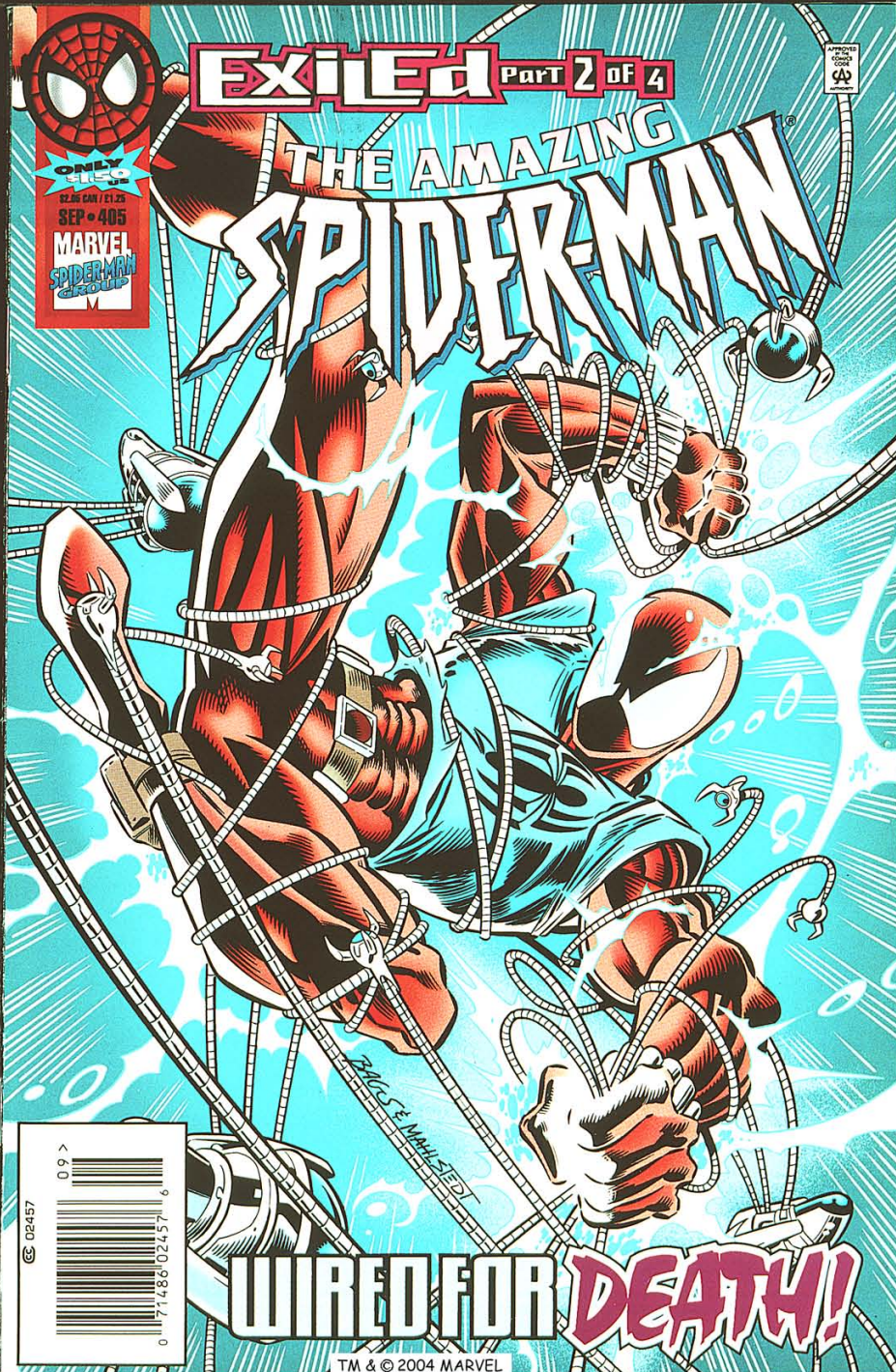
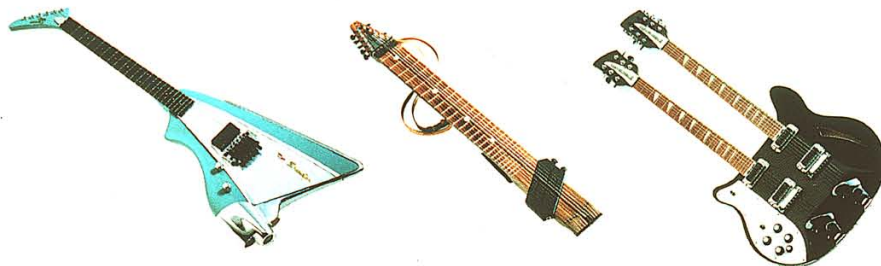






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THE WORTH OF A MAN

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This was a lot easier
the FIRST time.

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LEFT, it was because
I believed myself a
CLONE-- who wasn't
WORTHY of the LIFE--
the CITY--

--the DREAM...!

I was a NOBODY-- a NON-MAN--
running-- trying to find a PLACE
in this world, where I knew I
truly didn't belong!

But, I DID
dream...

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...I dreamt of coming back-- OF HAVING the life-- of having some kind of FUTURE-- any kind.

I RESENTED Peter-- Over the years-- over the miles--

--hating him for having the life-- For living my DREAM-- but I had to do the RIGHT THING-- and so I stayed away.

And so, when the TRUTH comes down-- when we discover that I'm NOT the clone-- that I'm the ORIGINAL-- what do I do...?--

-- I ACQUIESCE-- I do the RIGHT THING-- AGAIN!

I decide it's best for me to take to the road-- to be the LONER-- leaving Peter to the life I LONGED for-- to the city-- to SPIDER-MAN.

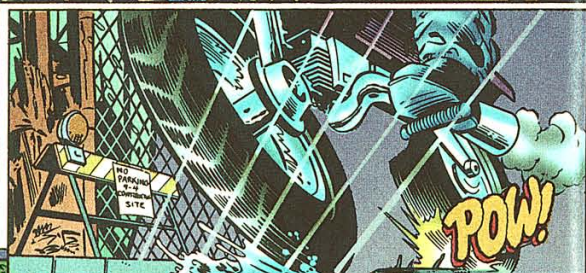


I did the right thing, but is that what I want? I don't want PETER's life, but I want A life! A...

...home?

yet, even though I know that I'm the REAL Peter Parker, why do I still feel like a NON-PERSON? Like I'm not worthy of--

--huh? Spider-sense--!



POW!



Come on, come on--!!

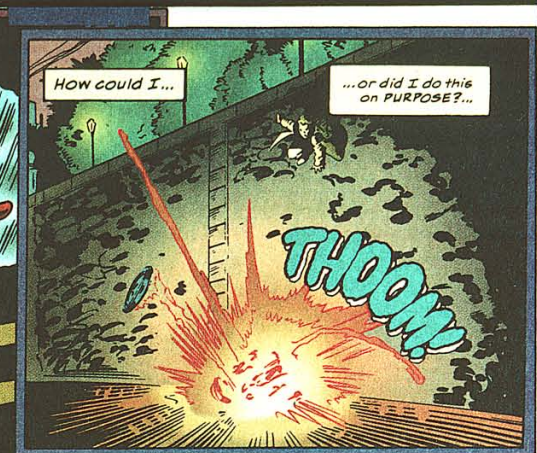
EEEEEEERRRRTTTT!



--no good-- I LOST IT!!

So busy getting into my own head that I forgot to pay attention to the road!!

THWAM!



How could I...

...or did I do this on PURPOSE?..

THOON!



...subconsciously wrecking the bike to SABOTAGE my leaving...? Great. Ben, you're a MESS!! And now, I'm sticking to a wall out in the open!



Gotta go--



--gotta clear my head!



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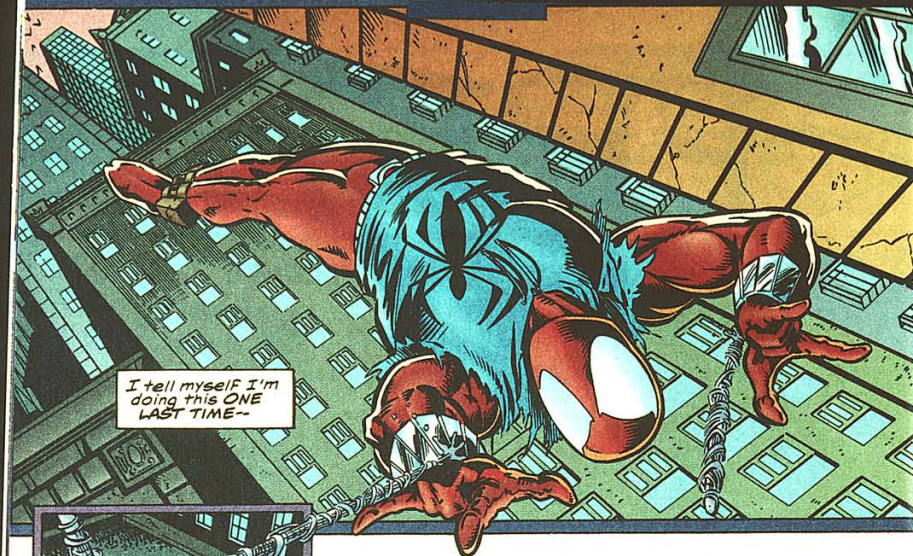
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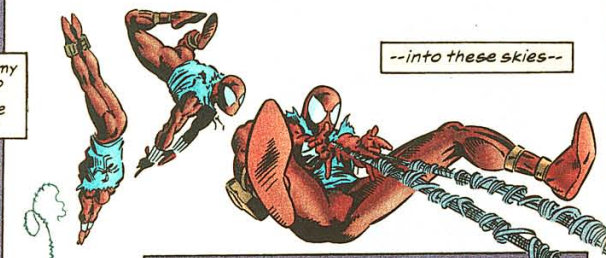
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I tell myself I'm doing this ONE LAST TIME--



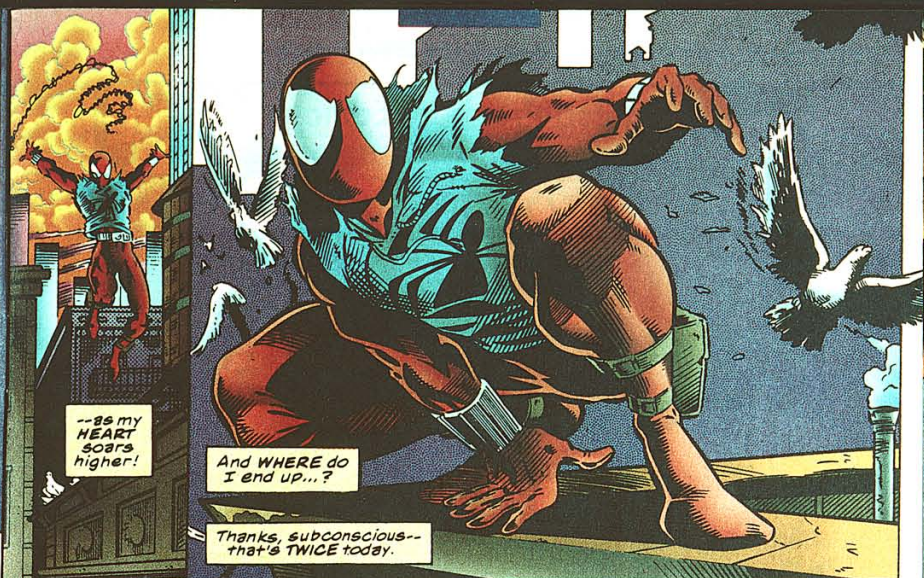
--that this is my last chance to hurl myself through these canyons--



--into these skies--



--where I can soar SO HIGH--



--as my HEART soars higher!

And WHERE do I end up...?

Thanks, subconscious-- that's TWICE today.



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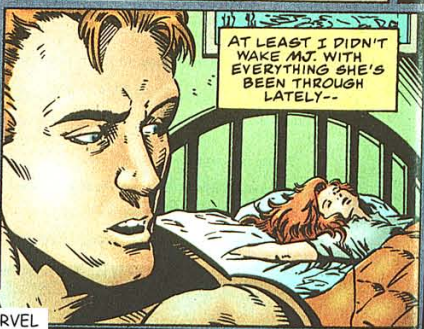
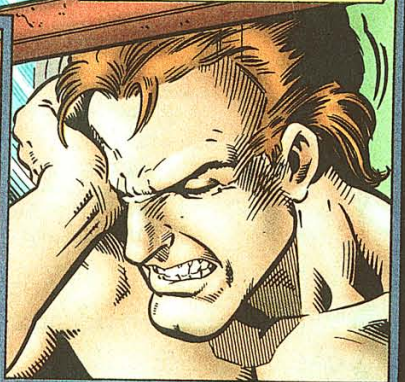
OH, MAN-- WHAT A NIGHTMARE!! IT WAS SO VIVID... SO REAL... SO...

...HORRIFYING, AND... I CAN'T REMEMBER...

...I CAN'T REMEMBER ANY OF IT...?!

WHEW! MY HEART'S STILL RACING!! MUST'VE BEEN ONE HECKUVA SCARE...! WHAT WAS IT... ABOUT...?

SEEMS LIKE THERE WAS SOMETHING I HAD TO KNOW... SOMETHING I NEEDED TO REMEMBER...



AT LEAST I DIDN'T WAKE MJ. WITH EVERYTHING SHE'S BEEN THROUGH LATELY--



OH, MJ-- I LOVE YOU SO--

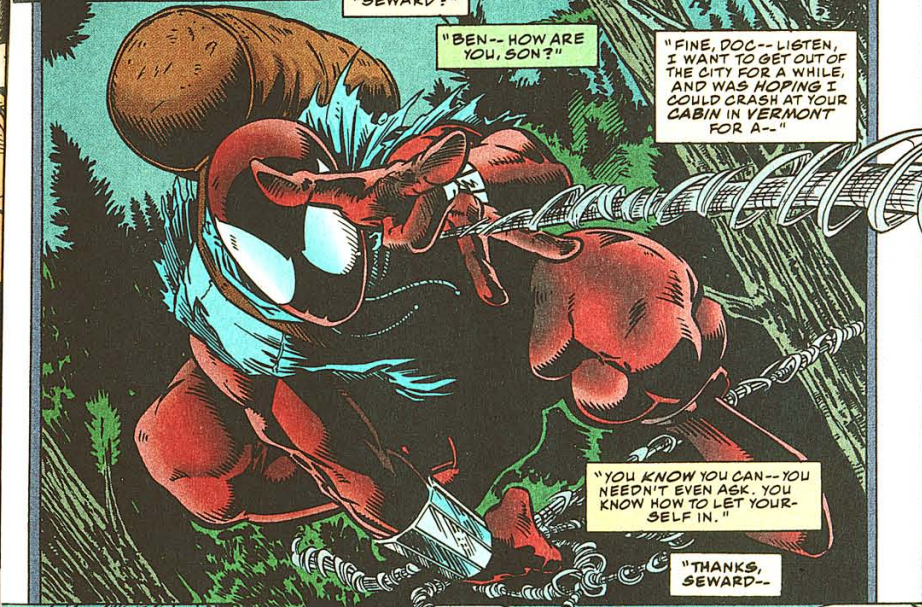
"SEWARD?"

"BEN-- HOW ARE YOU, SON?"



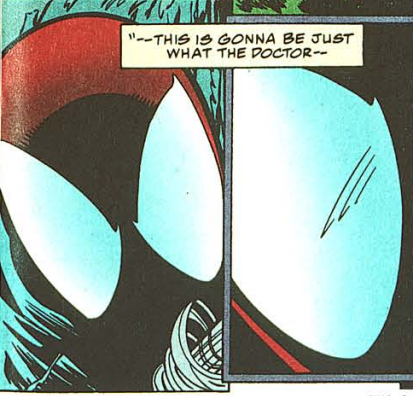
--I'D NEVER LET ANYTHING HURT YOU.

"FINE, DOC-- LISTEN, I WANT TO GET OUT OF THE CITY FOR A WHILE, AND WAS HOPING I COULD CRASH AT YOUR CABIN IN VERMONT FOR A--"



"YOU KNOW YOU CAN-- YOU NEEDN'T EVEN ASK. YOU KNOW HOW TO LET YOURSELF IN."

"THANKS, SEWARD--"



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PER WEEK DO YOU SPEND
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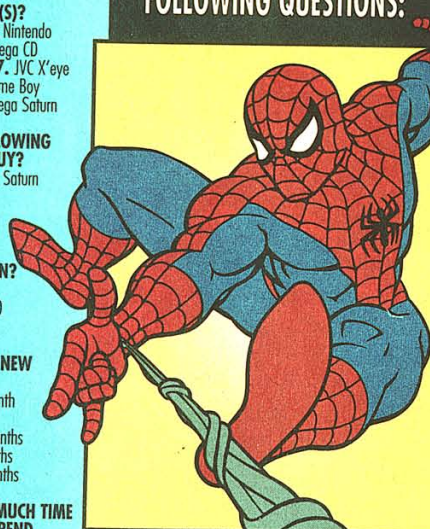
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But I was going to do it all MYSELF! I WAS ANGRY--PUNISHING MYSELF--FOR not being a REAL MAN--and I didn't want anybody's help!--

A ROOM.
A BED.

M--MAY I...
HELP YOU,
S-SIR...?

I--I'M S-SORRY, SIR--
THAT'LL BE ANOTHER
TWELVE DOLLARS.

BUT THAT'S
ALL I HAVE!
LOOK--
YOU'LL GET
THE REST
OF YOUR
MONEY--

--BUT
RIGHT
NOW I
NEED--

I'M SORRY,
SIR. IF YOU
DON'T HAVE THE
MONEY, WE
CAN'T GIVE YOU
A ROOM. THAT'S
OUR POLICY.



WELL, YOU CAN
TAKE YOUR POLICY,
AND--

HERE'S YOUR
TWELVE
DOLLARS,
ELLIOT--



--GIVE
THE MAN A
ROOM!

I DON'T KNOW,
DOC--WHAT'LL MRS.
MILLIWAY SAY? SHE'S
PRETTY PARTICULAR--!

I'LL
HANDLE
HER,
JUST--

LOOK, I
DON'T WANT YOUR
CHARITY.

IT'S NOT
CHARITY--
YOU'LL PAY
ME BACK--
SOMEDAY--
SOMEWAY.

HOW CAN
YOU BE SO
SURE?

YOU'RE AN
HONORABLE
MAN, AREN'T
YOU?

I THINK I WAS--

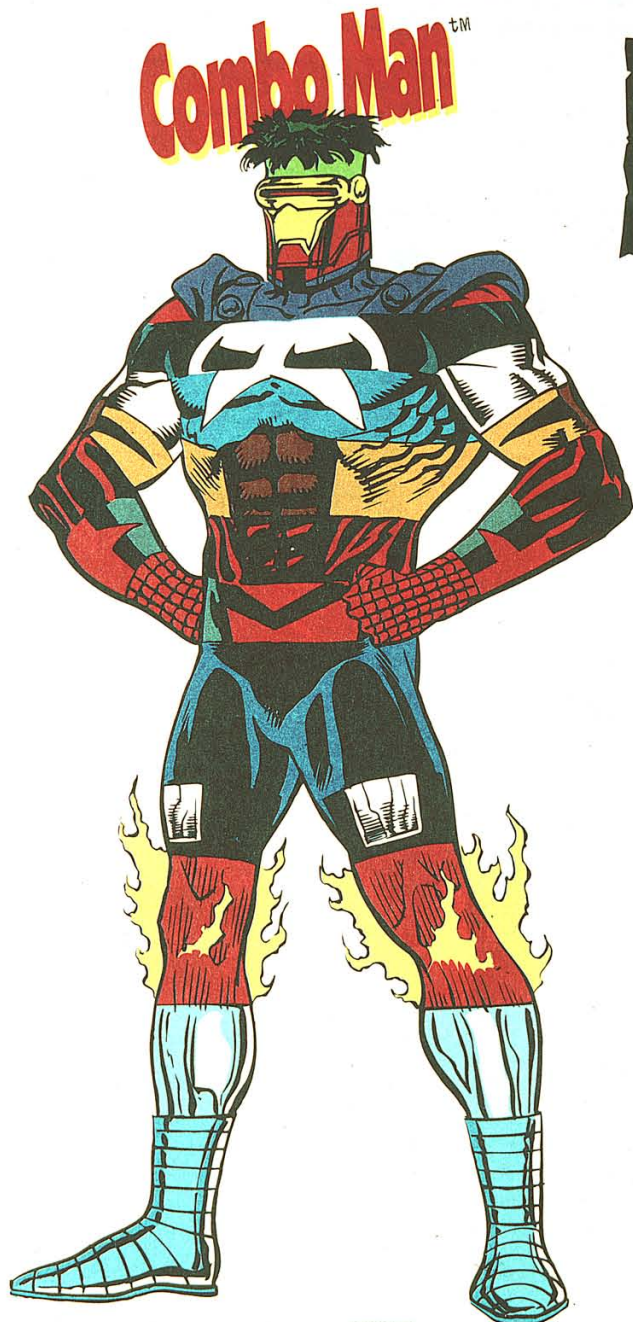
--ONCE.

I didn't put it together 'til later--

--GREAT First
impression.

NOW.

BRRRING!



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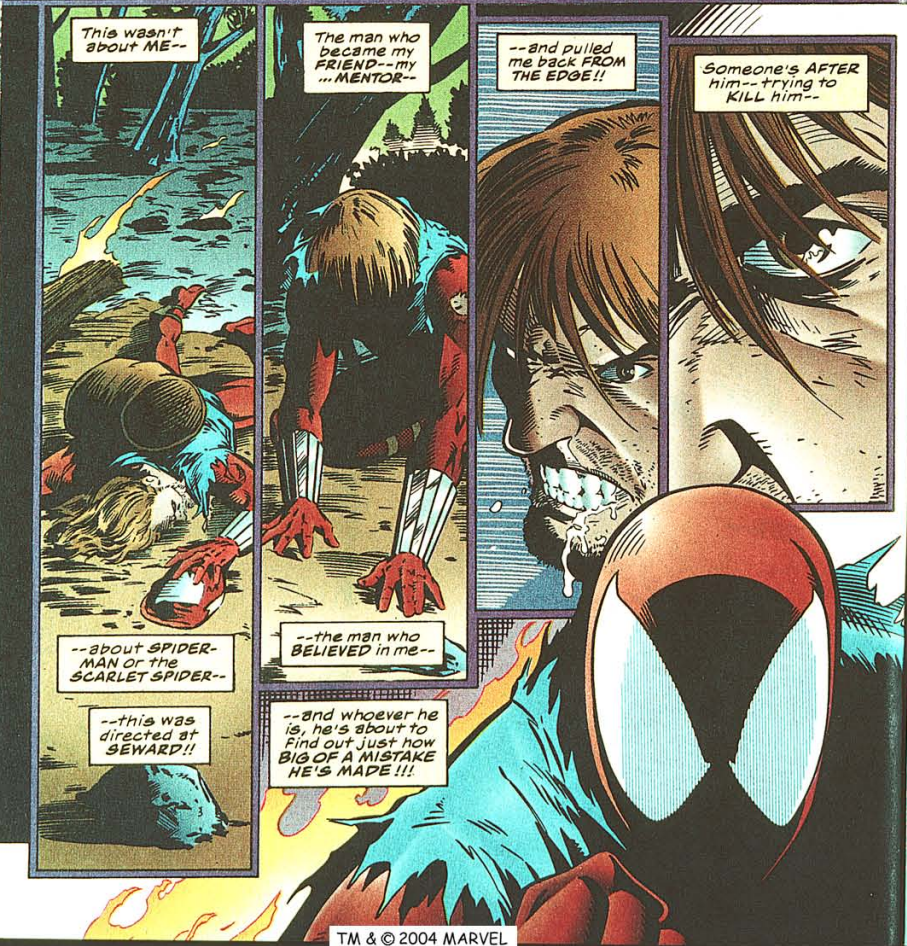
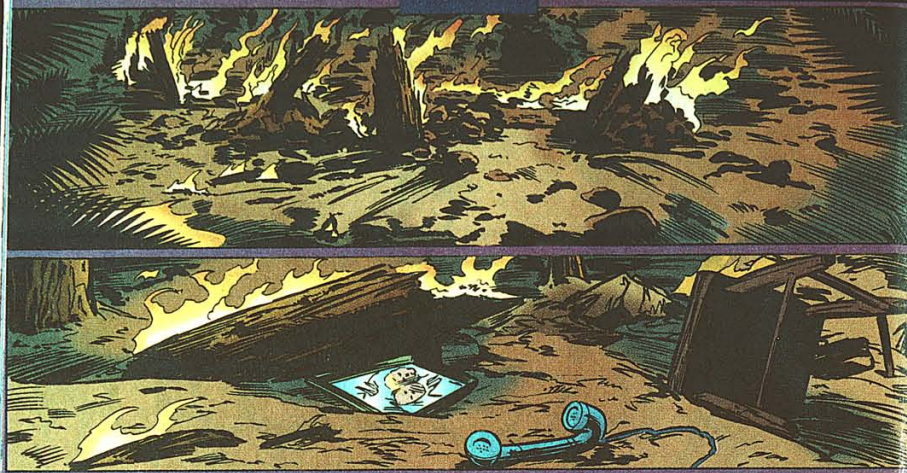
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--and pulled me back FROM THE EDGE!!

Someone's AFTER him-- trying to KILL him--

--about SPIDER-MAN or the SCARLET SPIDER--

--the man who BELIEVED in me--

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PLACE LOOKS LIKE IT'S
BEEN TURNED UPSIDE-
DOWN--BY SOMETHING
OR SOMEONE--BIG!!

Because if Seward
is BURIED
somewhere under
all THIS--

SEWARD!
SEWARD!!

Come on,
come on!
He's GOT
to be
here SOME-
WHERE!

--there's a
good chance
he's probably...
DEAD...

And yet, I'm also
praying he ISN'T...!

I CAN'T let that
happen! Gotta
Find some way to
Find him...

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This month we launch a brand-new, ongoing monthly Spider-Man title -- but with a twist! UNTOLD TALES OF SPIDER-MAN takes us back in time, to the early days of Spider-Man's career! It is a time when Peter Parker has only recently acquired his fantastic powers, and has yet to gain the experience that will enable him to become the world-class super hero that we know and love today! If you've read those early Stan Lee-Steve Ditko issues of AMAZING SPIDER-MAN, you've only seen a glimpse of how Peter got that experience! Now, those "missing" adventures can finally be told!

Writer HURT (MARVELS) Busiek describes his experience working on UNTOLD TALES: "It's an absolute joy! I get to read those great old Lee-Ditko stories again and find places to do new stuff that delves deeper into the characters and explores some areas that Stan and Steve didn't have room to. We want to tie-in and add to what Stan and Steve did, not change it or denigrate it in any way. We're going back to the core of what made Spider-Man one of the most popular super heroes around."

With beautiful art by Pat (WARLOCK AND THE INFINITY WATCH) Olliffe and RI (THE ADVENTURES OF CYCLOPS AND PHOENIX) Yew, UNTOLD TALES OF SPIDER-MAN takes a bold new look at Spider-Man's past! Even the price is bold: in this age of escalating costs, UNTOLD TALES only costs ninety-nine cents!

THE NEWEST NEW WARRIOR

You've heard the rumors. You've heard whispering about it for months. Now all is revealed at last, as the Scarlet Spider does indeed join the New Warriors!

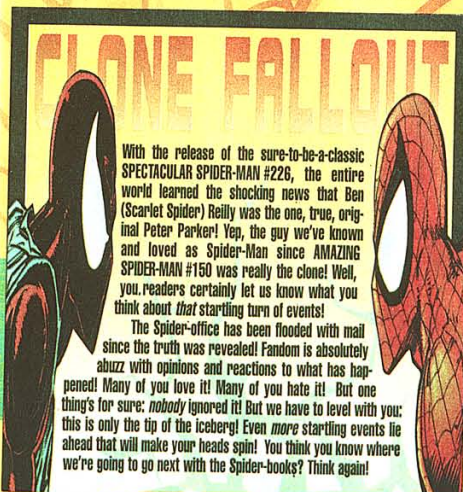
In NEW WARRIORS #62, the Warriors and the Scarlet Spider are brought together to confront Helix, the creature they first encountered in SPIDER-MAN: MAXIMUM CLONAGE ALPHA! This confrontation leads to the Warriors inviting the Spider to join their ranks! Can the Scarlet Spider be a team player? Are his years as a loner finally at an end? Evan Sholnick, Pat Zircher and Andrew Pepoy provide all the answers!



NEW WARRIORS # 62

CARNAGE HITS NEW YORK IN NEW SPIDEY NOVEL

Byron Preiss Multimedia and Putnam Books are releasing a new Spider-Man paperback novel this month: Carnage in New York, by "Planet of the Symbiotes" writer (and Carnage co-creator) David Michelinie and science fiction author Dean Wesley Smith! After an experiment to remove the alien symbiote from Cletus Kasady's blood goes horribly wrong, Carnage is unleashed upon an unsuspecting Manhattan! The city's only hope, Spider-Man! (You were expecting maybe the guy with the pointed ears?)



With the release of the sure-to-be-a-classic SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #228, the entire world learned the shocking news that Ben (Scarlet Spider) Reilly was the one, true, original Peter Parker! Yep, the guy we've known and loved as Spider-Man since AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #150 was really the clone! Well, you, readers certainly let us know what you think about that startling turn of events!

The Spider-office has been flooded with mail since the truth was revealed! Fandom is absolutely abuzz with opinions and reactions to what has happened! Many of you love it! Many of you hate it! But one thing's for sure: nobody ignored it! But we have to level with you: this is only the tip of the iceberg! Even more startling events lie ahead that will make your heads spin! You think you know where we're going to go next with the Spider-books? Think again!

ON SALE THIS MONTH:

WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #128

EXILED -- Part 1 of 4: Now that Peter Parker and Ben Reilly know the truth about themselves, who will carry on as Spider-Man? By Tom DeFalco/Steven Butler/ Randy Emberlin

AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #405

EXILED -- Part 2 of 4: One of the Spider-Men finds himself leaving town! Which one, and why? By J.M. DeMatteis/Darick Robertson/Larry Mahlstedt

SPIDER-MAN #62

EXILED -- Part 3 of 4: A visit by Ben Reilly to his former mentor, Seward Trainer, turns into a deathtrap for the Scarlet Spider as he goes up against a mysterious new foe! By Howard Mackie/Pat Broderick/Chris Ivy & Tom Palmer

SPIDER-MAN UNLIMITED #10

EXILED -- Part 4 of 4: A promise made by an old friend of Peter's late Uncle Ben draws the Scarlet Spider into a life-and-death struggle with the Vulture! By Mike Lackey/Shawn McManus/John Nyberg

SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #228

TIME BOMB -- Part 1 of 2: Kaine's future vision of Mary Jane's murder may finally be coming true, as the shocking identity of the killer-to-be is revealed at last! Guest-starring the New Warriors! By Tom DeFalco/Sal Buscema/Bill Sienkiewicz

NEW WARRIORS #63

The Scarlet Spider causes friction at the Crashpad! More on the creature called Helix (from SPIDER-MAN: MAXIMUM CLONAGE ALPHA)! And firststar gets caught in the middle of a brutal terrorist attack! By Evan Sholnick/Patrick Zircher/Andrew Pepoy

UNTOLD TALES OF SPIDER-MAN #1

Beginning an all-new ongoing series exploring Spider-Man's "missing" adventures, from the early days of his career featuring the menace of the man called Scorchers, and a shadowy figure who will prove hauntingly familiar to veteran readers! By Kurt Busiek/Pat Olliffe/Al Vey

SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN SUPER SPECIAL #1

In "Planet of the Symbiotes" Part Four, Spider-Man, the Scarlet Spider and Venom must stop the symbiote invasion of Earth -- and Carnage undergoes a startling metamorphosis! And in the flip feature, the Scarlet Spider battles the newly evolved, totally bestial Lizard! Plus: a very special 10-page story by Stan Lee, Darick Robertson and George Perez! By Michelinie/Kavanagh/Lee/Robertson/Perez/Starr/St. Aubin/Cabrera

SPIDER-MAN ADVENTURES #9

Adapted from the hit TV series! Part Two of the animated origin of Venom! When Spider-Man learns that his new black costume is really an alien, the symbiote bonds with Eddie Brock -- and Venom is born! By Mel Vornov/Alex Savik

SPIDER-MAN: THE LAST YEARS #2 (of 3)

The secret history of Kaine and Ben Reilly continues to unfold in this soul-searching tale of the Scarlet Spider's past! By J.M. DeMatteis/John Romita, Jr./Klaus Janson

VENOM: SINNER TAKES ALL #2 (of 5)

The all-new, all-insane Sin-Eater continues his mad rampage through New York as Venom struggles to protect his wounded ex-wife from further harm! By Larry Hama/Greg Luzniak/Scott Koblish

SPIDER-MAN VS. DOCTOR DOOM

The wondrous web-spinner takes on the mad monarch of Latveria! Collecting the saga from AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #349 & 350! By David Michelinie/Erik Larsen



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THEN.

...SO I SAYS
TO HIM, "AYUH--YOU
PUT YOUR HAND
NEAR AN ANIMAL
CAUGHT IN A TRAP,
YOU'RE GONNA
GET--"

eh?
HOLD
ON A
SECOND,
DAVE.

HEY...
...HEY,
BARKEEP!

I... I'M...

...I'M HUNGRY!
I NEED SOME
FOOD!

I SAID--
I NEED
FOOD!!
WHAT PART
DIDN'T YOU
UNDER-
STAND?!

SORRY.
MARY'S
CLOSED
UP THE
KITCHEN.
WE'RE NOT
SERVI--

NOW DO I
GET SOMETHING
TO EAT--OR DO I
BEAT YOU TO
WITHIN AN INCH
OF YOUR
LIFE?!!

KUNK!



--AND I
THINK YOU
COULD
USE A FRIEND.

YOU DON'T
WANT TO DO THAT,
SON--YOU DON'T NEED
TO DO THAT.

I THINK YOU
NEED TO CALM
DOWN. YOU LOOK
HOT AND FEVERISH.
I THINK MAYBE YOU
COULD USE SOME
REST--

--YOU WANNA
BE MY FRIE--

SO, IT'S MR.
CHARITY! IS
THAT WHAT YOU
THINK I
NEED?!

WUD!

YOU WANNA
BE MY
FRIEND?!

--ND?

OOOONNNNN--

YES.
I DO.



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WHAT THE--?!

Okay, THESE are definitely NOT Seward's creations. NOT HIS STYLE--too much CHROME.

And, apparently, they're tapping into the MAINFRAME of Doc's computer--

Whoa! That put them on the DEFENSIVE--

--BIG TIME!!

Of course, using my REFLEXES--

--and since much about ME is in there, THAT'S some DATA RETRIEVAL that I mean to put a STOP to!

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--and some AMAZING spider-like AGILITY--

--I can deftly maneuver to ESCAPE--

--WHOOOPS!

BUSTED.

Oh, I got a BAD FEELING about th--

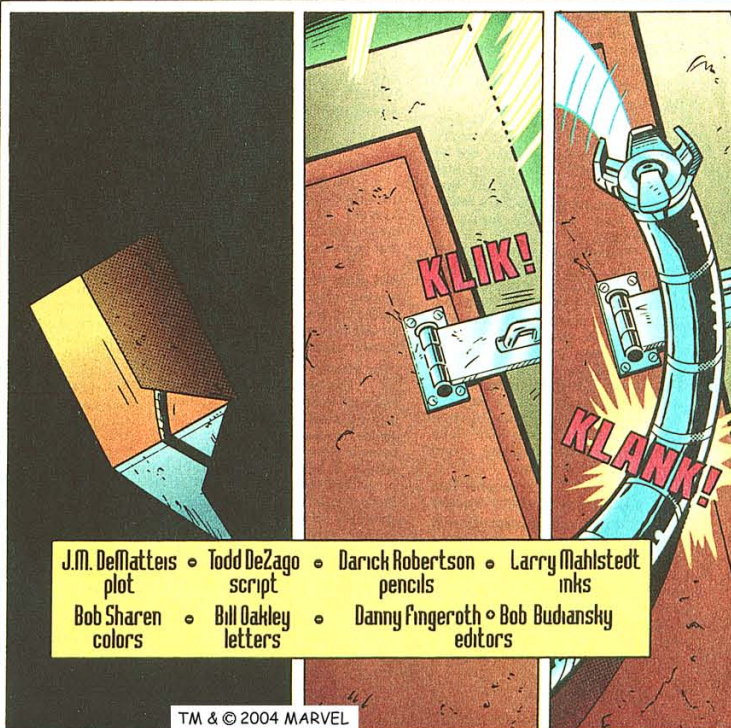
G--ZZAATT!

YEEAAARRGH!!

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Dear Spider's Web,

I have been a Spider-Man fan for years and I can honestly say that nothing has been as good as the current saga in the Spider-Mags. The crossovers are great and the artwork is excellent. I just finished reading AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #399, and I'm stunned at Gwen Stacy's return at the end of the story. Mark Bagley's rendition of her was superb, by the way!

It's very strange to think that both Spider-Man and the Scarlet Spider could be clones. Personally, I think the Jackal is just messing with their minds. Keep up the good work, and until there's a whole army of Spider-Men, Make Mine Marvel!

Eric Rom
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Guilp! We hope you're still with us, after the multitude of Spidey clones in "Maximum Clonage!" Somehow we think you are. Let us know what you think of our current crossovers, Eric! If you were stunned at Gwen's apparent resurrection, you're gonna be blown away by what's coming up!

Dear Marvel,

In AMAZING #399, you revealed that the Jackal didn't only make one Peter Parker clone, but he created several prototypes first that failed (Jack and the Guardian). You also revealed that the Jackal's failed clones have a nasty habit of degeneration.

From this evidence, I think that Kaine is another Peter Parker clone. I thought about this because Kaine has grey, vein-like tissue on his body. This tissue is similar to that on Jack and the Guardian. In addition, Peter Parker and Kaine have the same hair color.

I guess Kaine is undergoing a slow degeneration process. Since we have several Parker clones, could it be that Kaine is the Spider-Man clone featured in the original clone storyline many years ago?

Christopher Tate
(Address withheld by request)

A lot of your guesswork was pretty close to the mark, Chris! (You're the first correspondent we can recall to point out the hair color!) But make no mistake: As SPIDER-MAN #60 revealed, Kaine was indeed the very first prototype Parker clone, but he left Warren's care before the now-monumental

events of ASM #149. The Spider-Man clone in that story was indeed the fellow who's married to Mary Jane now.

Dear Spider's Web

The chance that Spider-Man and the Scarlet Spider could both be clones slowly raised an eyebrow. And the return of Gwen Stacy caused my other eyebrow to perk up and join the other one. The chance that the real Peter Parker could still be in some cryogenic water bed slowly brought a smiley curl to my lips. But as I finished ASM #399, I still felt greedy for just one more surprise to complete the ultimate expression of Spidey-shock on my face. I was really, really hoping the new and improved Jackal had one old and perfect Norman Osborn in a cryogenic tank, too, waiting to restore one of the greatest villains Spidey has ever fought! Venom who?

This issue has just replaced ASM #361 as the reigning, king of the hill, ultimate cool issue of this mag! Though with #400 on the horizon in just one month, it's already on shaky ground!

Brendan Walsh
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We do like to keep topping ourselves, don't we, Brendan? Almost as much as we like throwing in those spider-shocks that you mentioned!

But, sorry, dude... Norman's still dead. Why don't you check out the exploits of the newest Green Goblin in his own brand new mag, on sale next month? No true Goblin booster could possibly miss it!

Dear Marvel,

I've been reading the current storyline with considerable interest, having read those original clone issues. However, the idea of Spidey being a clone leaves me asking, "So what?" If he's truly a clone of the original Peter Parker, with all of Parker's feelings, memories, and powers, he is, effectively, Peter Parker. Who cares if he's not the original? He's still human. Rumor has it that this is all going to have a drastic effect on Spider-Man, but I can't understand why.

All this is academic, anyway, because after the original clone story, Dr. Connors tested Spidey to check if

he was the original or the clone. I know that Spidey never looked at the results, but I'm sure that Connors would have had something to say if the results had revealed Peter to be a clone.

So, anyway, if Spider-Man isn't the real Peter Parker, who the heck is? It's probably either Scarlet Spider or Kaine, but my latest wild theory is that it's really this new, improved Jackal. But now this Scrier connection's really thrown me! Here's hoping all this gets explained eventually.

Charles Williams
Manor House, Eton College
Windsor
ENGLAND

Charles, you've put into words exactly what Mary Jane, and others, have been trying to convince Peter of for a while: that humanity is a quality of soul, not biology. This month's storyline, as well as next month's crossovers, "Time Bomb" and "The Greatest Responsibility" will finally resolve Peter Parker's and Ben Reilly's inner conflicts over their humanity and worthiness to be Spider-Man, and after that, the stage is set for... let's just say, something real big.

NEXT WEEK: "Exiled" continues in SPIDER-MAN #62! Could it be?! Could Seward Trainer's captor really be that many-armed megalomaniac, Dr. Octopus?! Didn't we see him die?! Can Scarlet Spider save his mentor and unravel this mystery? Heck, he's gotta save himself first! And what's wrong with Peter Parker? Providing the arachnid action and intrigue are Howard Mackie, guest penciler Pat Broderick, and Chris Ivy and Tom Palmer!

NEXT ISSUE: "The Greatest Responsibility," Part One! The momentous saga putting an end to an era of Spider-Man begins here! It's Spidey and Scarlet Spider, together again for perhaps the last time... against the mysterious foe behind the tentacles! Is it someone we've seen before, or a decidedly different Ock? You'll kick yourself forever if you miss this issue, brought to you by J.M. DeMatteis, Larry Mahlstedt, and special guest penciler Angel Medina! 30 days and counting!



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